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VIA ECF


The Honorable James Orenstein
United States Magistrate Judge
United States District Court
for the Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Room 1227 South
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: *In re Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litigation*,
05-MD-1720 (JG)(JO)

Dear Judge Orenstein:

We write in response to Class Plaintiffs' letter seeking an extension of the Court's 3-page limit on pre-motion conference letters. Defendants did not consent to the Class Plaintiffs' request because the scope of the discovery disputes that are ripe for motion practice remains unclear and is likely to narrow by the time Class Plaintiffs file a pre-motion conference letter. Accordingly, Defendants believe that the appropriate course is for Class Plaintiffs to file a single pre-motion letter of three pages or less on any discovery issue that remains in dispute, as called for in the Court's Individual Practice Rules.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew Freimuth